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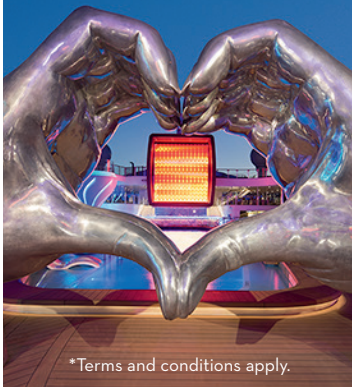
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DCL acquires Global Dream



DISNEY Cruise Line (DCL) has announced the acquisition of the cruise ship previously known as *Global Dream*, with plans to visit "new markets" with her when she sets sail in 2025 (CW breaking news).

Unconfirmed speculation from German media last month suggested *Global Dream* could be bought by DCL (CW 10 Oct), with the cruise line confirming the conjecture this morning.

DCL will work with the Meyer Werft shipbuilding company on the partially completed ship, which will be renamed, with certain features to be "reimagined".

The new ship will be based outside the United States, and will feature innovative Disney experiences, along with the "dazzling entertainment, world-class dining and legendary guest service".

The exterior will be adorned

in the iconic, Mickey Mouse-inspired colours of the fleet, complete with the signature red funnels (render pictured).

The ship is expected to be among the first in the cruise industry to be fuelled by green methanol, and DCL anticipates the passenger capacity to be approximately 6,000.

More details about the maiden voyage, other itineraries, and onboard experiences will be announced at a later date.

"Our cruise ships give us the unique opportunity to bring Disney magic to fans no matter where they are, and the addition of this ship will make a Disney Cruise Line vacation accessible to more families than ever before," Disney Parks, Experiences & Products Chair Josh D'Amato said.

The ship was originally set to be joined by a larger sister, known as *Global Dream II*, which was sold for scrap in Jun (CW 17 Jun).



On location in Antarctica

Today's issue of *Cruise Weekly* is coming to you courtesy of Viking aboard the brand new *Viking Polaris*.

OUR first day of Antarctic action is taking place at Half Moon Bay in the South Shetland Islands, where upon arrival the Viking team quickly deployed the two on-board submarines, Zodiacs, and Special Operations Boats.

A shore landing gave guests the opportunity to catch their first sight of penguins, with chinstraps and gentoos frolicking around a nesting area and struggling up and down a "penguin highway" to their feeding ground.

The first contingent of divers was able to head beneath the surface in the six-passenger submersibles, while there was high speed jet boat action aplenty on the Special Operations Boats as they cruised past the icy landscapes.

Lux barge on sale

EUROPEAN Waterways has announced its Black Fri special, offering 25% off select luxury hotel barge cruises in France.

Representing savings of up to €14,375, the offer is available on whole boat charters of the 02 Apr departures of the eight-passenger *Enchante's* and the 12-passenger *La Belle Epoque*.

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ACL begins construction on *Liberty*

AMERICAN Cruise Lines (ACL) has announced construction has begun on *American Liberty* (render pictured), the third new 'Coastal Cat' in the brand's 'Project Blue' series.

The 105-guest *Liberty* is built for coastal operation and features a similar innovative hull design as American's previously announced Coastal Cats.

Liberty is scheduled to begin cruising in May 2024, after the first two ships in the series, *American Eagle* and *American Glory*, begin sailing next year.

The set of 12 small ships, being built by Chesapeake Shipbuilding in Maryland, is designed to cover almost any domestic cruise itinerary (**CW** 20 Jan).

Liberty and the ongoing series of Coastal Cats will feature many amenities, including 56 staterooms and suites, each with a private balcony, spacious



lounges, and multiple dining venues.

Liberty's catamaran hull form also allows for a wide activity platform at the stern, equipped with kayaks and a large tender for in-depth adventure directly from the ship.

Next year is set to be one of the largest-ever for ACL, with 17 small ships and riverboats operating

more than 50 domestic itineraries in 35 states.

In the past five years, ACL has more than doubled its fleet by introducing its "modern" series of American Riverboats.

Earlier this year, ACL also added a new flat-rate domestic airfare option for all of its American cruises, available to each of its 19 cruise hubs in 16 states.

Deals of the week

VIKING'S deal of the week is a Grand European Cruise, with a saving of up to \$5,600 per couple.

The offer is available on the 15-day Grand European Cruise from Amsterdam to Budapest or vice versa, and is now on sale and priced from \$3,995 per person twin share cruise-only.

Also on offer is the 15-day Mediterranean Antiquities voyage from Athens to Barcelona or vice versa, now on sale priced from \$7,195pp.

The fare includes 11 guided shore excursions, five-star accommodation, all onboard meals including alternative dining venues, wine & beer with lunch & dinner, unlimited wi-fi, 24-hour specialty tea, coffee & bottled water, access to the state-of-the-art Nordic spa, and more - call 138 747.

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DOLPHINS performing for humans in South East Queensland is not unusual, although it's rare to see it outside of Sea World!

A resident dolphin at Tangalooma Island Resort recently performed for an assembled crowd (pictured).

Known for their playfulness, dolphins are one of those animals which always seem to know where the cameras are.

This dolphin raced around in delight for the thrilled onlookers, drawing comparisons to a dog which has just been let outside.

View the video [HERE](#).



Prima makes her debut in Miami

NORWEGIAN Cruise Line's *Norwegian Prima* has made her debut at the brand's terminal in Miami (pictured).

The Prima-class' eponymous ship is today rounding up its two inaugural voyages to the Caribbean from 'The Cruise Capital of the World'.

The voyages called in Great Stirrup Cay, Norwegian's private island in The Bahamas.

"There's nothing like welcoming *Norwegian Prima* to Miami," President & Chief Executive Officer Harry Sommer enthused.

"I've had the pleasure of seeing her come to life at the Fincantieri shipyard in Venice, Italy, as well as



launching her in style in Iceland.

"Now, we are showcasing her to our community here in Miami - it's a dream come true!"

Prima's Miami debut follows her inaugural journey, which began with a christening event in Reykjavik in Aug (CW 29 Aug), and continued with her first

sailings from New York City, and most recently, Texas (CW 01 Nov).

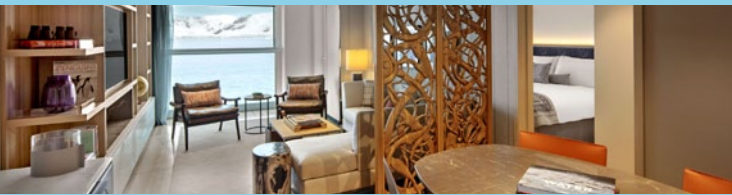
The ship is the first of six in Norwegian's new Prima-class, and features a three-level racetrack; an upscale food hall; and The Metropolitan Bar, which serves zero-waste cocktails prepared with surplus ingredients.

Disney drills back

DISNEY Cruise Line is reportedly bringing back its mandatory pre-departure in-person safety muster drills, in an effort to limit the potential spread of COVID-19.

The drill requires guests to report to their assigned assembly stations at a set time on embarkation day.

CRUISE WEEKLY On Board: Viking Polaris



Explorer Suite

Complete with a "Nordic Balcony" window which can be opened to bring in fresh Antarctic air, the ocean-view Explorer Suite has two rooms plus a private veranda and separate dining area for four. There's a large private bathroom with a glass-enclosed shower, bathtub, double-sink vanity and heated floor, while the in-suite minibar is replenished daily.

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